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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON WAS GIVEN MODERATE, PRIMARILY INSIDE PLAY IN ALL OSLO DAILIES AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF SHORT REPORTS ON NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION.

2. NORWAY'S LARGEST, MOST INFLUENTIAL DAILY, AFTENPOSTEN GAVE HIS VISIT THE MOST COVERAGE, INCLUDING A PHOTO OF FRYDENLUND WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. STORIES BY ITS U.S. CORRESPONDENT ELISABETH HOLTE WERE CARRIED TWICE ON PAGE ONE. OTHER DAILIES, INCLUDING LABOR PARTY NATIONAL DAILY ARBEIDERBLADET RELIED ON STORIES BY NORWEGIAN NEWS AGENCY (NTB) CORRESPONDENT SVEIN ROHNE.

3. HIS UNEXPECTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER DREW THE MOST MEDIA ATTENTION. WROTE NTB'S ROHNE IN A DISPATCH CARRIED IN MOST DAILIES: "PRESIDENT
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CARTER TOOK TIME YESTERDAY TO EXPLAIN PERSONALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER KNUT FRYDENLUND WHY HE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO PROPOSE PREFERENCES FOR AMERICAN TANKERS. THIS SURPRISING EVENT CAME DURING A MEETING FRYDENLUND HAD WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. SUDDENLY MONDALE GOT UP, SAID HE WAS GOING TO GET A GOOD FRIEND AND DISAPPEARED FROM THE ROOM. A FEW MINUTES

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LATER HE CAME BACK WITH THE PRESIDENT. THE CONVER-
SATION WITH CARTER DID NOT LAST LONG, BUT CARTER
EXPLAINED WHY HE HAS PROPOSED THAT 9 1/2 PERCENT OF ALL IM-
PORTED OIL TO THE U.S. BE CARRIED BY AMERICAN SHIPS.
THE PRESIDENT ALSO HAD MANY WORDS OF PRAISE FOR
NORWAY AND THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND
THE U.S."

4. IN THE SAME STORY, ROHNE ALSO REPORTED THAT BEFORE
HIS DEPARTURE, FRYDENLUND SAID HE DID NOT GET ANY
FORMAL REACTION TO THE CREATION OF A FISH CONSER-
VATION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD, BUT THAT "I HAVE THE
IMPRESSION THAT EVEN IF THE U.S. RESERVES ITSELF
ON NORWAY'S FORMAL POSITION, THE AMERICAN, THE AMERICANS WILL
FULLY APPROVE IN PRACTICE A NON-DISCRIMINATORY
ZONE AROUND SVALBARD."

5. AFTENPOSTEN CARRIED A SIMILAR STORY BY HOLTE
AT THE END OF THE FRYDENLUND VISIT. SHE ALSO RE-
PORTED FRYDENLUND'S GENERAL IMPRESSIONS AS FOLLOWS:
"FRYDENLUND SAID HE THINKS THE U.S. IS NOW GIVING
MORE WEIGHT TO MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL COOPER-
ATION AND NOT JUST TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPER-
POWERS. THE U.S. ALSO SEEMS TO BE PUTTING
MORE STRESS ON RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD AND
ON MORAL ISSUES, HE SAID." AND HOLTE REPORTED,
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"DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, FRYDENLUND ALSO
HAD OCCASION TO MEET SEVERAL TIMES THE NEWLY-NAMED
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY LOUIS LERNER."

6. ON JULY 13, HOLTE ALSO REPORTED FRYDENLUND'S
IMPRESSIONS AFTER HIS FIRST DAY OF TALKS, INCLUD-
ING THOSE WITH SECRETARY VANCE. "DURING HIS DIS-
CUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON," SHE WROTE, "FOREIGN MINI-
STER FRYDENLUND TOLD AMERICAN OFFICIALS THAT THE
NEW TONE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS HAD A
FAVORABLE IMPACT ON OPINION IN THE NORDIC COUN-
TRIES AND HAS HELPED GET THE U.S., IN PEOPLE'S
MINDS, OUT OF THE ISOLATION AMERICAN FOREIGN PO-
LICY FOUND ITSELF IN DURING AND RIGHT AFTER THE
VIETNAM WAR." HOLTE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT NOW THE
THE U.S. HAS REACHED ITS DECISION ON THE OIL CARGO
PREFERENCE ISSUE, THERE ARE "NO PARTICULAR PRO-
BLEMS" IN U.S.-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS AND THAT THIS
WAS CLEAR IN FRYDENLUND'S WASHINGTON TALKS.
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